AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A reinforcing non-woven base fabric comprising:

reinforcing fiber yarns that are formed into a sheet shape by using a support fibrous member,

wherein the support fibrous member is formed of multifilament yarn that is made of composite fibers constituted by at least two or more polymers having a difference in melting points.

2. (Original) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to claim 1, wherein the composite fiber has a core-sheath structure in which the sheath portion is made of a polymer having a lower melting point than that of the core portion.

3. (Original) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the at least two or more polymers having a difference in melting points are all made of olefin-based polymers.

4. (Currently amended) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to ~~any of claims 1 to 3,~~ claim 1, wherein, with respect to the at least the two or more polymers having a difference in melting points, the high melting point polymer is a polypropylene polymer and the low melting point polymer is polyethylene or a low melting point polypropylene polymer.

5. (Currently amended) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to ~~any of claims 2 to 4,~~ claim 2, wherein the core-sheath structure of the composite fibers having the core-sheath structure has a polypropylene (core portion)/polyethylene (sheath portion) structure or a polypropylene (core portion)/low melting point polypropylene (sheath portion) structure.

6. (Currently amended) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to ~~any of claims 1 to 5,~~ claim 1, wherein not less than two layers thereof are laminated with the reinforcing fiber yarns being used as a group of warp yarns and with the support fibrous member being used as a group of weft yarns.

7. (Original) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to claim 6, having a three-layer structure in which two upper and lower layers of the groups of warp yarns with a fixed interval are placed, with the group of weft yarns being interpolated therebetween and the lower layer is laminated with an offset of a 1/2-pitch so as to place the yarn of the group of lower-layer yarns between the yarns of the groups of upper-layer yarns.

8. (Currently amended) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to ~~any of claims 1 to 5,~~ claim 1, wherein the support fibrous member has a mesh structure in which multifilament yarns using composite fibers composted of at least two or more polymers having a difference in melting points are used as at least wefts.

9. (Currently amended) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to ~~any of claims 1 to 8,~~ claim 1, wherein the sheet shape is maintained through fusion-bonding.

10. (Currently amended) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to ~~any of claims 1 to 9,~~ claim 1, wherein the reinforcing fiber yarns are fiber extended yarns.

11. (Currently amended) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to ~~any of claims 1 to 10,~~ claim 1, wherein a plurality of reinforcing fiber yarns are aligned in one direction.

12. (Currently amended) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to ~~any of claims 1 to 10,~~ claim 1, wherein the reinforcing fibers form biaxial reinforcing fiber yarn sheets

that are made of a warp sheet in which the reinforcing fiber yarns are aligned in the length direction and a weft sheet in which the reinforcing fiber yarns are aligned in the width direction.

13. (Currently amended) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to ~~any of claims 1 to 10,~~ claim 1, wherein the reinforcing fibers form multi-axial reinforcing fiber yarn sheets that are constituted by a yarn sheet made of reinforcing fiber yarns which, supposing that the length direction of the sheet is 0°, are aligned in 0°-direction, a yarn sheet made of reinforcing fiber yarns which are aligned in a + α° -direction as well as in a -α°-direction ($0 < \alpha < 90$) and a yarn sheet made of reinforcing fiber yarns which are aligned in a 0°-direction and/or in a 90°-direction.